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Alabamians are Encouraged to prepare for Fall Severe Weather Awareness

CLANTON- Officials from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and the Alabama National Weather Service offices want to urge residents of Alabama to start thinking about a severe weather preparedness plan.

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 is Fall Severe Weather Awareness Day. This is a good time for families and businesses to start thinking about a plan of action before severe weather strikes. In the last six years, the residents of Alabama have been faced with either tornadoes or severe thunderstorms in the months of November and December. Since Monday of this week three tornado warnings, two tornado watches and one severe thunderstorm warning were issued throughout Alabama. Fortunately no severe damage was reported.

“Planning ahead could save your life,” said AEMA Director Bruce P. Baughman. “It’s important for Alabamians to not only have a plan, but they must exercise it.”

For more information on disaster kits and family disaster plans you can log on to the following websites: ema.alabama.gov, www.weather.gov and www.fema.gov

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For more information contact the AEMA public information office at 205-280-2275, or the Birmingham National Weather Service at 205-664-3010.